Reservation for Disabled Persons in Private Sector

5279. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to make it mandatory for the private sector to reserve three percent of their vacancies for disabled pesons;

(b) if so, whether their representative bodies like FICCI, CII, Associated Chambers of commerce and Industry etc. have been taken into confidence; and

(c) whether private sector units have been identified, in terms of size or turnover, where such a mandatory reservation scheme would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to amend the persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995

Funds for old age homes in A.P.

5280. SHRI C. RAMACHDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds given for Old Age Homes in Andhra Pradesh in 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) the details of all NGOs and the funds they have received from Government in 1999-2000 for Old Age Homes in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether strict guidelines have been laid down for proper utilisation of such funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The details of funds released to Andhra Pradesh under the scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons as well as under the scheme of Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions / Voluntary Organisations for construction of Old Age Home during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are given in Annexure [*See* Appendix 189 Annexure No. 124].